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Obey Statement on President's Iraq Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. â€“ Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement this evening on the President's new plan for Iraq.

â€œMake no mistake. Our troops won the war. And Congress is never going to shortchange them in terms of funding or support. But the Administration's misguided policies have lost the peace.

“The President should have listened to General Shinseki and used more troops to pacify Iraq after the war was over, but he missed that opportunity and now the genie is out of the bottle. This call for a military build-up in Iraq now is too late and at this point will be counter-productive.

“While it will be very difficult for the Congress to prevent the President from proceeding with his plan because of his powers as commander-in-chief, we must try, because not only will his proposal not

produce the desired result in Iraq, it will further sap our military readiness and will impose even more hardships on military families and the guardsmen and reservists who will see their lives disrupted even more than they have already.â€

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